
John Burroughs Reporter

7 messages

Wed, Aug 25, 2010 at 2:00 PM

To: ericnumis@aol.com

Hello, Mr. Newman.

Thank you for talking with me on the phone. I have drafted an article to be included in the next issue of the Reporter. Please take a look at it and feel free to edit as you think appropriate.

Also, if you have a photograph of you and Mrs. Newman or a photo of the sample banknotes, I would love to include one or the other or both with the story. It is not essential though.

Thank you for your help, and congratulations on your find. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lynn

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Lynn Phelps
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Wed, Aug 25, 2010 at 4:20 PM

EricNumis@aol.com <EricNumis@aol.com>

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Phelps:

Thank you for submitting your draft of the discovery of Audubon's grouse:

My suggestions are listed but you may discard any of them.

In line 1 please modify the last few words to; "the find of Eric P. Newman '28 " as this will be clearer.

In line 2 use "discovered " instead of "co-discovered" as I actually found it

In line 4 please add "of Philadelphia" after "Sciences" to give its full name.

In line 5 please eliminate "running".

In line 11 please add " bank note engravers" before the word "sample"

At the end of the 4th paragraph I would prefer it if you leave out the gift matter and just say "established and operates the Newman Money Museum in the Kemper Art Museum at Washington University in St. Louis".

I think it would be nice to nice if you mentioned my wife of over 70 years since she is Evelyn Edison "37 who created the St. Louis Book Fair, The Scholarshop, the Gypsy Caravan, The Butterfly House, Little Shop around the Corner, Camelot and other St. Louis charitable operations. .If you want to make her doings a separate item for the Reporter that is an option. I do not want publicity when she has done much more than I have..

We certainly enjoy your writings in the Reporter. Please feel free to send me any comments you wish or ask me any further questions.

Eric

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Wed, Aug 25, 2010 at 5:27 PM

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To: EricNumis@aol.com

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have incorporated your changes. They were all good suggestions.

As for the mention of your wife, I think that in order to do justice to Mrs. Newman's contributions to the St. Louis community, I should write a separate story . In fact, it is long overdue. I hope she is willing, but I need to wait until the winter issue, since this issue is going to press very soon. I will do some research and contact her in October or November.

Thank you for your help on this.

Lynn

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Thu, Aug 26, 2010 at 9:37 AM

EricNumis@aol.com <EricNumis@aol.com>

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Phelps:

I agree with you that any publicity about my wife's doings will be better for a later issue. I do feel that you might mention in the Audubon article that we have been married for over 70 years because she is a graduate of JBS and helped me..

Incidentally I think that Scholarshop is going to be 50 years old in a month and is celebrating that event. It has raised millions for university scholarships and that Dorothy Lee Pelton (died long ago) who I think was JBS helped Evelyn start Scholarshop.

Thanks Eric P. Newman

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Thu, Aug 26, 2010 at 10:18 AM

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Eric

Fri, Aug 27, 2010 at 9:35 AM

To: ericnumis@aol.com

You probably would not believe that I proofed that e-mail several times! I had verified Mrs. Newman's maiden name in our database, and somehow that is the name that stuck in my brain. At least I was consistent.

I will insert the text as indicated (in red below), and I will be in contact with Mrs. Newman later this fall.

Regards.

Lynn

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Eric Newman <ericnumis106@gmail.com>

Interview for The John Burroughs World

1 message

Fri, May 20, 2011 at 10:03 AM

To: ericnumis@aol.com

Dear Mr. Newman

Greetings from the other Andrew Newman, the Fine Arts teacher at John Burroughs and the Sponsor of the World, the student newspaper. In advance of your birthday celebration which I hear is next week, the World would love to visit with you for an interview that would hopefully become an article in our next edition of the newspaper. Isabelle Stillman and Caroline Ludeman are our two student editors-in-chief and Eileen Williams, the current recipient of the Newman Prize, is one of our writers.

We know this is short notice, but would it be possible to set-up an interview this weekend, preferable this Sunday if I may be so bold to ask, so that Eileen or one of the Editors can chat with you about your memories of Burroughs and your remarkable life.

We would be most appreciative of your time and we think the student body would love to read in the World about your life and words of wisdom!

We are going to layout the paper this Monday night, May 23 and the paper will come out on Thursday, May 26th. If this weekend is too early to meet with you, but would be willing to meet with our staff at a later date, we could certainly include the article in a later issue of the World.

Thanks for considering it,

Andrew **R.** Newman

Please reply to this address: or by phone 280-2749.

JBS / Eric P. Newman '28

1 message

Thu, Nov 16, 2017 at 4:03 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]
To: ericnumis@aol.com

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November 16, 2017

Dear JBS Community,

As you may know, Eric P. Newman '28 passed away yesterday. At his death, he was 106 and our oldest living alum.

I leave it to others to pay tribute to Mr. Newman's business and legal acumen, his expertise as a numismatist and his commitment to St. Louis. It was his relationship with Burroughs that I know best.

Eric Newman was a student ~ one of 75 ~ on the opening day of Burroughs in October 1923. His exceptional connection to our school spanned more than nine decades. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn Edison Newman '37. Four generations of their family have attended JBS, including their great-grandson, Nick Booker, who is a senior. Eric Newman was a member of the Board of Trustees when his children, Linda Newman Schapiro '59 and Andy Newman '62, were students here, and he served on the school's Investment Committee for 33 years.



His last visit to campus was a year ago for the 25th anniversary of the Newman Prize. This annual award gives a member of the junior class the opportunity to meet with a famous American of his/her choice. It was named for Eric Newman because his "desire to explore everything, along with his passionate interests, timeless energy, and inquiring mind" modeled the characteristics the prize is intended to honor.

When we open our new STAR building next fall, Mr. Newman's presence will still be felt. The auditorium has already been named in his honor in gratitude for all that he has done for our school.

Yesterday, Burroughs lost a little bit of its heart.

Sincerely,

Andy Abbott
Head of School



On October 28, 2016, Eric Newman and 12 Newman Prize recipients attended an assembly in recognition of the prize's 25th anniversary.

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